

## U. S. DETECTIVES TO INVESTIGATE POWDER BLAST THAT KILLED 31

### MINISTRY OF AUSTRIA SPLIT AFTER PEACE SUGGESTIONS

Ministers of Finance, Interior, and Commerce Return Portfolios to Emperor. Who Accepts Them.

Increasingly Serious Situation in Dual Monarchy Hinted at in Vienna Advices to Amsterdam—No Explanations.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 1.—The Emperor of Austria today accepted the resignation of his ministers of finance, the interior and commerce, according to Vienna advices.

The three resignations naturally are associated in diplomatic comment, with reports that Austrian leaders have been discussing a separate peace for their country.

The general assumption is that they favored such a step and were overruled.

**NO EXPLANATIONS.**

The finance minister is thought likely to have surrendered his portfolio because unable to raise money to continue the struggle.

The interior minister is presumed to have retired through inability to organize food distribution satisfactorily and perhaps because he could not cope with outbreaks of popular discontent.

The commerce minister, it is suggested, undoubtedly was called into consultation with the heads of both other departments in connection with the country's industries. From the fact that he resigned, it is taken for granted that he agreed with them.

These are surmises for which Vienna dispatches offer no explanation. It is agreed that the resignations hint at an increasingly serious situation in Austria-Hungary.

The Vienna dispatches to Amsterdam would indicate that the cabinet crisis was in the Austrian council of ministers rather than in the cabinet of the dual monarchy since there are no

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### MRS. GALT TO HEAR WILSON'S MESSAGE

President's Fiancee to Have  
Seat in Gallery of Lower  
House Next Tuesday.

When President Wilson reads his annual message to Congress next Tuesday his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, will be one of a party of special guests of the President seated in the gallery.

Always heretofore the President has been given seven seats in the gallery, but this year he asked for twelve, and after a rearrangement of seating accommodations was made he was allotted this number.

With Mrs. Galt as the President's guests will be her mother, Mrs. Holbrook; her sister, Miss Estlin Holbrook; Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. Madison the President's daughter; Miss Helen Woodrow Wilson, the President's cousin; Dr. Cary Grayson, his naval aide, and other immediate relatives and friends.

Mrs. Galt has heard the President make public speeches before. She was present when he addressed the biennial meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the former occasion when the President read messages to Congress, however, and she is said to have asked particularly for a gallery seat when next week's message is read.

Cuba, Florida, Savannah, Augusta, a full coast, electric-lighted train daily, Atlantic Coast Line, 106 N. Y. ave. n. e. adv.

### King Peter in Flight With Russian Legate

BERLIN (Via Sayville Wire- less), Dec. 1.—King Peter of Serbia fled on horseback from Pristina on Saturday afternoon, before the Bulgars captured the town, according to a Sofia telegram.

With him in his flight is Prince Troubetsky, Russian ambassador to Serbia.

### APPALLING ITALIAN LOSSES AT GORIZA

Vienna Reports Positions of  
Austrians Firm Against Des-  
perate Assaults.

BERLIN (Via wireless to Sayville), Dec. 1.—Appalling Italian losses on the front are reported from the front, and an official Vienna dispatch.

"The Italians apparently have decided to take Gorizia regardless of the immense sacrifices involved," the statement continued. "All positions are held firmly by the Austrians, though in places, nearly destroyed."

ROME, Dec. 1.—The Italians are increasing the fury of their attack and tightening their lines about Gorizia today. News of the city's fall is expected here almost hourly.

The Austrians are making desperate counter-attacks, but the Italians are beating them back invariably, inflicting heavy losses. The Italian army is suffering from lack of food and shelter. Salaries of this kind are officially reported at Udine and Udine. Their result was the capture of several hundred Austrian prisoners, a few machine guns, and quantities of war material.

### ASQUITH ASKS LABOR TO CURB DEMANDS

Urges Trades Unions to Econ-  
omize—Asks Them to Help  
War Loan.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Premier Asquith made an urgent economy plea today before trades union leaders he had called into conference with cabinet officials concerning England's war necessities. The unionists did not receive all he said in very good part.

"I believe the country's shoulders are broad enough to bear its tremendous burden," he told the labor men, "but the utmost thrift is imperatively needed."

Asquith urged the leaders also to use their influence against demands for higher wages, though he admitted the war has increased prices of food 40 and of clothing 20 per cent.

"Yet wage-earners are generally better off than before the war," he added. "Murmurs of dissent greeted this statement."

To queries why the government has not fixed a maximum scale of food prices, Premier Asquith explained that this undoubtedly would have diverted supplies from England and created a shortage.

"We have taken 50 per cent of their increased profits from the rich," Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna told the labor men. "Now we ask the wage-earners to give up 50 per cent of their excess earnings for a war loan on which the government will pay interest."

### Special Diagnosis For Jane Addams

To Determine Whether Operation  
Will be Necessary to Re-  
lieve Her Illness.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—A special diagnosis today will determine whether an operation will be necessary to relieve the illness of Miss Addams of Hull House.

Miss Addams passed a comfortable night at a Presbyterian hospital. Dr. James Herrick, her physician, said her fever is still high. She became ill Tuesday morning, though apparently in usual health when she entertained Mrs. W. F. Thomas, women's peace party leader, the night before.

Miss Addams has experienced several attacks of fatigue since her recovery from bronchial pneumonia at Bar Harbor, Me., last summer.

### Greater Albania Plan Of the Central Powers

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Establishment of an Albanian kingdom bordering on Austria, Bulgaria and Greece, under the rule of Prince William of Wind, is the central powers' present plan, according to the Zurich Gazette.

### FORD INFORMS POPE OF PLAN TO END WAR

Gathering of Neutrals to Form-  
ulate Peace Proposals, Ca-  
blegram Tells Pontiff.

PLEADS FOR CO-OPERATION

Delegates for Mediating Confer-  
ence to Be Chosen Following  
Visit to Capitals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—In a lengthy cablegram addressed to Pope Benedict XV, Henry Ford has outlined in detail the manner in which he hopes to end the world war and "bring the peace out of the trenches." Ford's peace headquarters today made public a copy of the cable message.

From the gathering of peace delegates carried to The Hague by his peace ship, Oscar II, Ford plans to have selected other delegates to sit in an international peace congress in some neutral capacity. This congress is to formulate definite peace proposals and present them to the belligerent nations.

"For this undertaking, Most Holy Father, we beseech your good will and co-operation," Ford cabled the Pope. "No reply has been received thus far."

Message to Pontiff.

Ford's cabled message to the Pontiff follows:

"Realizing the high and holy interest which you as Supreme Pontiff of the church have taken in ending the carnage, may I announce to you the peace mission on which we are approaching Europe?"

Believing that a world situation in which international forces must co-operate exists, we have planned a conference to neutralize the war, and to bring about the ending of the most frightful war in history. For fifteen months the people of the world have waited for their governments to bring Europe out of the unspeakable agony and suffering, and to prevent Europe's destruction."

### MISS FLYNN WINS FREE SPEECH FIGHT

Freed by Paterson Jury in Hour  
and Quarter. She Will Re-  
new Campaign.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 1.—It took only an hour and a quarter for a jury in the court of quarter sessions to find a verdict of not guilty in the case of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, the young orator of the I. W. W., charged with sedition. As soon as the courtroom was cleared by Judge Abraham Kleiner at 1 o'clock last night, the jurors came back just before 2 o'clock, and after a brief deliberation, they returned their verdict of not guilty in the case of the young woman sat with Mrs. Rose Foster Stokes and Dr. Marie Equi, of Post-land, Ore.

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### Bryan to Join Ford Peace Expedition; Backs Plan Heartily

William J. Bryan today telegraphed Rexford L. Holmes, of this city, that he expected to join the Henry Ford peace party at The Hague. Mr. Bryan will not sail on the Ford peace ship next Saturday, but his telegram to Mr. Holmes says:

"I have wired Ford that I hope to join him at The Hague. I do not expect to sail on the Ford peace ship. In a telegram sent earlier to Mr. Ford at New York, the former Secretary of State heartily endorsed the Ford peace mission and urged the peace party to start with him and make him intercede for Quinlan."

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"I deeply appreciate invitation, and would accept without hesitation, but after careful consideration of the subject, am impressed with the belief that just now I can render a greater service by opposing the plan to commit this country to a large and indefinite increase in any expenditures for army and navy, a plan which would not only be oppressive to the taxpayers, but would, I believe, prove a menace to our nation's peace and influence."

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### Girl Orator of I. W. W. Who Won Acquittal



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### TRAIN BANDIT ROBS SIXTEEN PASSENGERS

OCONEWOC, Wis., Dec. 1.—A bandit held up and robbed sixteen passengers on train No. 4, known as the Pioneer Limited, between Watertown and Oconowoc early today.

The train arrived here from Minneapolis at 4 o'clock.

### Plant Where Girl Was Murdered Is For Sale

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The plant of the National Pencil Factory, at Atlanta, where Mary Thagun was murdered, and of which Leo M. Frank was superintendent, is for sale.

An advertisement in a New York newspaper today offered the plant as a "bargain." The decision to sell, said the advertisement, is due to "certain local conditions."

When sentiment against Frank was at its height in Atlanta, the factory was guarded day and night.

### BIENZ DENIES PLOT TO EVADE CUSTOMS LAW

Hamburg - American Director  
Testifies of Orders From  
Kaiser to Supply Ships.

AGREEMENT AT EMBASSY

Refuses to Produce Cablegram  
Lest It Expose Secret Ger-  
man Code.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Dr. Karl Bienz, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, testified in his own defense today that he had directed scrupulous observance of all American laws in clearing vessels from American ports to furnish supplies to German warships.

Bienz denied that he directed that false destinations of supply ships should be stated in the clearance papers.

"We wanted our ships to go to their stated destinations even if they were empty of their cargoes by warships," he testified.

He testified freely of the arrangements under which the ships left port under orders from the German government. The prosecution was blocked in its efforts to obtain copies either of the agreement between the German government and the Hamburg-American line or of code messages sent here from Berlin relative to supplying German commerce raiders with coal and provisions.

"This agreement should not be produced," said Attorney Rand for the defense, "it would make interesting reading for England, Russia, and France. It is in the German embassy at Washington where it is kept."

George Howe, chief of the evidence receiving a cablegram received by the Hamburg-American line on the day Bienz testified, declared the cablegram was the cablegram was produced.

The defense refused to produce it in open court on the ground that it would reveal a secret code.

Bienz testified that the German government cabled him the approximate location of each of its commerce raiders operating in the Atlantic. The supply ships, he said, then obtained clearance papers for some port near the location of the raiders.

"I know New York was full of spies for the allies," said Bienz, explaining that he had nothing to do with furnishing supplies for the ships or obtaining their clearance papers. He merely gave type-written instructions to the supercargo of each ship, telling them where to meet German warships.

### FISCAL COMMITTEE TO HEAR MEMBERS

Representatives of District  
Boards Allowed to Go Before  
Half-and-Half Organizations

Members of the House District Committee and the Senate District Committee who may wish to give the joint Congressional committee that has been looking into the District's fiscal affairs their views on the subject will be invited to do so.

Though no official announcement was made to this effect, a majority of the members of the committee are in favor of hearing their colleagues who may have opinions about the District's relations with the Federal Government. It was understood today that the subject will be taken up at the next meeting of the committee.

Congressman Johnson of Kentucky is understood to have some facts and wishes to lay before the committee, and other members of Congress are known to have followed with keen interest the testimony presented at the open hearings of the joint committee.

The next meeting of the joint committee was agreed to be held next week, but the date was left to Senator Chilton, the chairman, who has not yet indicated on what date he will ask the members to gather.

### WILSON FROWNS ON WATERWAYS BUDGET

Tells Chairman Sparkman River  
and Harbor Appropriations  
Must Be Held Down.

President Wilson will not sanction any new river and harbor legislation, he informed Congressman Sparkman of Florida, chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, today. These appropriations must be cut to the bone, the President said, in effect.

Sparkman had called to explain what that \$40,000,000 was needed to complete work already begun. Last year the appropriation was cut to \$20,000,000 by Congress, and it is understood this year the Administration forces will urge even further reductions.

Sparkman said after the conference that his committee would not delay in its efforts to get these appropriations. In spite of the Administration's desire to have its national defense program taken up in Congress first.

### Sixty Still in Mine Sought by Helmet Men

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 1.—From fifty to sixty men, many or all of whom may be dead, are still in the No. 2 mine of the Boomer Coal and Coke Company, where a blast of powder set fire to coal dust and mine gases.

The list of known dead reached twenty today.

Helmet men have arrived from the Federal Bureau of Mines.

### COMPROMISE HINT IN CLOTURE FIGHT

Action in Democratic Caucus  
on Clarke Election Goes Over  
to Friday.

The Senate Democratic caucus held another session today and adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon without settling what it would do, either with respect to cloture or the re-election of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, as president pro tempore.

Both of these questions continue to cause sharp differences of opinion among the Democratic Senators, and there is a bad blood caused by the movement to prevent Senator Clarke from succeeding himself, as well as a serious controversy over whether to adopt a gag rule which will cut off debate.

It was decided to defer action on cloture until tomorrow. At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon Senator Owen expressed a willingness to accept a rule from the special committee on cloture. That committee has been unable to agree, and will meet this afternoon to make a further effort to evolve a plan.

### Tie-Up Is Feared

The question of whether Senator Clarke is to be re-elected president pro tempore was put over until Friday. The friends of Clarke are trying to smooth the caucus and Senator Lewis was successful, despite the fact that Senators Stone and Reed, as well as some others are antagonistic to the Arkansas Senator.

It is the general impression this afternoon that if any cloture rule is adopted the caucus and the Senate will be tied up for days and prevent the President from reading his message to Congress next Tuesday.

### Chilton Vice-Chairman

In accordance with the instructions of the caucus Monday, Senator Kern reported the names of the new steering committee. It consists of Senators Kern, Martin, Owen, Thomas, Chamberlain, Gorman, Williams, Reed and James.

Senator Chilton of West Virginia was unanimously elected vice chairman of the caucus and the steering committee. He was elected whip of the Democratic side of the Senate.

The Steering Committee has given its hands the task of filling the committee assignments so far as the Democrats are concerned. This involves the filling of some important vacancies and assignments of the new Democratic members.

### Senators Left Out

Three Senators who served on the Steering Committee in the last Congress were left off the new committee. They are Senators Clark of Arkansas, Smith of Georgia, and Lea of Tennessee. The omission of Senator Clarke from the Steering Committee of the new Congress is a part of the effort to place his opponents. The fact that Senator Reed was not on this committee is also an effort to appease the opposition to the re-election of Clarke as President pro tempore.

### Bodies Blown To Pieces

Physicians said early today that six of the injured in yesterday's explosion probably will die.

Identification of the bodies seemed impossible today. Of the twenty-six men in the packing house when the powder exploded, not enough of any was left for identification, with the exception of Allan A. Thaxter, the foreman, of Portland, Me.

Inquiries are said to have been received today to give a satisfactory reply as yet. Heads of the company say they had not noticed warnings to workmen posted about the plant, but in view of persistent reports to this effect from other sources, police today worked on the theory that the explosion may have been caused by pro-German agents.

### Suspect Outsiders

In connection with the reported warnings to German and Austrian employees to quit work by January 1, it is said that the company has refused to employ Germans or Austrians in its plants for some time. The general opinion among powder mill workmen today is that the explosion was caused by some mysterious outside influence inasmuch as there generally is nothing to cause an explosion in the packing house. The powder which exploded was being packed in cartons which are shipped to munitions plants to be used in charging shrapnel shells. The cartons of powder is there replaced by a shell

### DOUBLE GUARD IS PLACED AT DU PONT MILL AFTER HORROR

Suspicion Aroused That Mys-  
terious Outside Influences  
Were at Work to Cause Ex-  
plosion in Wilmington.

Warnings Said to Have Been  
Tacked on Trees Telling  
Workmen to Leave—Bodies  
of Victims Unrecognizable.

Agents of the Department of Justice will investigate the explosion at the du Pont powder mills in Wilmington, Del., which resulted in the deaths of thirty-one men, according to a statement by A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the department, today.

Mr. Bielaski said if it were shown the case would be one for State action, but he considered the matter of sufficient importance to lend aid to Delaware.

No information has been received at the Department of Justice concerning the posting of notices of warning that the plant would be blown up, according to Mr. Bielaski.

Had such information reached the department men would have been detailed to apprehend persons responsible for the notices and a strict watch kept for suspicious characters in Wilmington.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 1.—A double guard was placed today about the mills of the du Pont Powder Company, while State and Federal officials joined in an investigation of the explosion in the Upper Hagley yard which killed thirty-one persons and injured many more.

Warned that other explosions may occur, the management made every effort today to prevent a recurrence of the disaster. Since August, 1914, eight mysterious explosions have occurred in du Pont plants. Thirty-eight persons have been killed and nearly a hundred injured.

A warning to workmen to quit the du Pont mills by January 1 was tacked on trees and fences near the yards, and even within the yards of the company, it was learned today.

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